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Winter-run chinook salmon: Juvenile winter-run chinook have moved out of the upper Sacramento River spawning areas and have been observed at the GCID diversion (below Red Bluff), but none have been reported from Knights Landing or Sacramento as of yet. There is still no indication that these fish have started their outmigration. No winter-run juveniles or late-fall run have been observed at the Pumps or in the Delta since monitoring started October 1st. A second release of late-fall run chinook surrogates is scheduled for this Friday. Work continues on calculation of the Juvenile Production Estimate (JPE) for this year.

Steelhead and Spring-run Chinook: Significant numbers of yearling spring run chinook salmon have been reported from Mill and Deer Creek rotary screw traps. These fish are in the Sacramento River and will start to migrate down as soon as it rains. No spring-run chinook juveniles have been observed at Knights Landing or Sacramento this year. Monitoring of fish data continues by DAT with triggers being used from the Provisional Fall/Winter Juvenile Salmon Decision Process.

One non-clipped steelhead was salvaged at the Pumps on Nov. 7th. Work continues on the CVP-OCAP consultation with coordination between FERC relicensing and hatchery issues.